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Dear Sir:

This is in response to Notice of Allowance mailed January 8, 2004 that indicated that formal drawings were required for this application. It is believed that no fees are due by entry of this paper, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee, or credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Acceptance of the enclosed formal drawings in place of the previously filed drawings is respectfully requested. The drawings conform to the drawing amendment proposed in the November 19, 2003 Amendment, which was deemed acceptable in the Notice of Allowance.

Also enclosed are full-tone copies of 8(a), 8(b), 9(a) and 9(b). As the enclosed figures are the same as those that issued in related International Patent Publication WO 00/42234 (with the exception of numbering changes), it is verily believed that the drawings are now in appropriate condition for issuance of the present application.

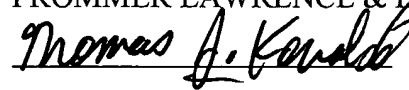
CONCLUSION

It is believed that the enclosed formal drawings remedy the deficiencies of the previous drawings and place the application in condition for issuance. Accordingly, acceptance of the enclosed formal drawings is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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